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Comment Of The Day

Driving tests

THREE months have passed since the Traffic Department announced new driving tests. It will be recalled that for the first time the Police introduced a written examination which would precede the practical test. The object of the new test was, in the words of the Commissioner, Mr H. W. E. Heath, to raise driving standards, cut out favouritism and corruption, speed up testing and remove undue delays.

How has it succeeded? Unfortunately, statistics are not available to show an exact comparison between the percentage of passes now compared with last year, but a Police spokesman told the China Mail yesterday they were "practically the same." It is hard to believe that more are passing under the new test but it will probably come as a surprise to many that there has not been a drastic decline.

BECAUSE the Police also reveal that the waiting time for a test has been cut from six months in Hong Kong and a year in Kowloon, to six weeks. The waiting list, once 15,000, has also been reduced, although figures are again unforthcoming. Undoubtedly the written exam has reduced the number who qualify to take the practical test, but if the Police statement that the percentage of passes is practically the same means anything less than a five percent reduction, there were not such serious defects in the old method of testing as was generally believed.

But it might also be argued that if one object of the test was to raise driving standards, either there is going to be no difference in the quality of new driver coming on to the road, or else the standard of driving tuition has suddenly and remarkably improved to meet the demands of the new test. We hope it is the latter. Certainly the testing delay has been virtually eliminated — some could learn to drive in six weeks but not many do — and there can be no complaint on that score today.

THE Traffic Department deserve to be congratulated on doing so well. They have probably received many complaints, however — one was voiced on Tuesday by Mr Brook Bernacchi at the Urban Council meeting — and the hope is that the new system will be modified in the light of experience. One complaint is that insufficient time is given for the written examination. Police may feel it is not much of a quick reaction as accuracy but written questions are rarely as vividly and clearly communicated to the mind as actual situations. The examination time might therefore be extended by a short period to give time to scan the questions and think over my complex phrasing that occurs before picking up the pen to jot down the answers.

Another drawback concerns the illiterate. He does not have to be able to read to recognise road signs and because of the high rate of illiteracy, the new test may penalise a number who really deserve to be passed. Could not the illiterates be tested with the help of a tape recorder instead of a printed exam paper? The recorder could ask the questions, repeating each slowly twice while those being tested put ticks in Yes or No squares set out in numerical order.

'Police now acting like gentlemen', says priest MOVE TO APPEASE AFRICANS

New turn in Union's race crisis

Cape Town, Apr. 7.
Police "behaved like gentlemen" today when they arrested 1,525 African men and women in Nyanga who had stayed away from work.

The orderliness and quiet authority with which the police worked gave rise to beliefs that this might be the first indication of a new Government policy to appease Africans.

The arrested men and women were taken in lorries to a police station about two miles away where all but 162 were later released after screening.

Father Stanley Qabasi, Anglican Clergyman in charge of the Holy Cross Church, Nyanga, said tonight everything was quiet.

He said: "The police behaved very well, it was not a repetition of events here last Monday."

"Today the police behaved like gentlemen for the first time. They conducted their business quite quietly. There were no beatings or shootings.

Houses searched

"They searched houses after asking people to get out. They may have been searching for guns or other weapons.

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GAMBLE'S HUSBAND MAY FACE KIDNAP CHARGE

New York, Apr. 7.
The family of 19-year-old typewriter heiress Gamble Benedict may file charges against her husband of a day, 35-year-old Rumanian chauffeur Andre Porumbanu, for kidnapping a minor, it was disclosed today.

The couple were married last night at Hendersonville, North Carolina, after weeks of trying to wed against the wishes of her dowager grandmother, who regards Porumbanu as a fortune-hunter.

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Blazing building drama



This dramatic picture taken yesterday of the Connaught Road fire shows the fireboat moving into the "praya" wall to spray the blazing building at the height of the fire. Three died in the fire, nine were seriously injured. Damage was estimated at \$2 million. This photo was taken from a launch in the harbour.

Distraction

Forth Worth, Apr. 7.
Police didn't find the hitchhiker who distracted motorists on Wednesday, but they got a good description.

She was in her early 30's and nude.—UPI.

Wrong country

London, Apr. 7.
Mr Arthur Woodburn demanded in Parliament an explanation of why the British Ambassador in Paris is officially called "Ambassadeur de L'Angleterre" (Ambassador of England).

The court could act only if the couple returned to New York, otherwise it was powerless because their marriage was not a case for interstate extradition.

Mr Woodburn is from Scotland.—UPI.

well as his bride, who violated a Brooklyn court's decision making her a ward of the court.

The bride's family could call in Federal authorities and agents of the FBI by charging Porumbanu kidnapped a minor and took her across several state lines in their wanderings.

HOSPITAL
The couple spent their wedding night in Hendersonville, a small resort which proved more hospitable than New York or South Carolina where authorities were terrified at the idea of marrying an heiress to an alleged "Casanova."

The couple's guardian angel turned out to be Henderson County Attorney Arthur Redden, who proclaimed the validity of Porumbanu's controversial Mexican divorce, loaned his mountain cabin for the wedding and cut his wife's chrysanthemum for a wedding bouquet.—UPI.

Forth Worth, Apr. 7.
A. C. Reid Jr., who was treated for a bump on the head said he was waiting for a lift in an office building and opened the safety door to see if it was coming.

It was.—UPI.

Why our bread delivery was disrupted

Retrenchments, reshuffle of staff and a merger of delivery systems since the formation of Dairy-Lane Ltd have caused the disruption in the delivery of bread in Hongkong. It was learned today.

Before Dairy-Lane came into being, both Dairy Farm and Lane, Crawfords handled their own deliveries of bread.

Unfamiliar

Now, Lane, Crawfords are handling the bread deliveries for the joint company.

But 16 people have been retrenched from the delivery department of Lane, Crawfords recently.

And the remaining delivery staff have been supplemented by daily-paid coolies.

The new men, it is said, are unfamiliar with the work and this has caused the disruption.

Formula

Meanwhile a spokesman for the Garden Co. Ltd., which formerly baked bread for Dairy Farm before its provisions department merged with Lane, Crawfords, said his company had now been told to handle the delivery of bread on Hongkong side. When asked if the Garden Co would work Lane, Crawfords' bakery in Stubbs Road in future, a spokesman for the Lane, Crawfords' bakery said: "It would be made according to our formula and under our own label."



Famous prima ballerina retires

Moscow, Apr. 7.
Famous Russian prima ballerina, Galina Ulanova, has retired. She will receive a monthly pension of about £140. Galina Ulanova, who is fifty years old, will not retire completely from the world of ballet; however,

From time to time she will give a dance recital or will return to the Bolshoi Ballet to dance her favourite roles: Odette in "Swan Lake" or Juliette in "Romeo and Juliet."

She was born in 1910 in a family of artists. Her father was a director, and her mother was a ballerina and a teacher. She received the "Stalin Prize" on four occasions for her exceptional dancing.—AFP.

Over \$3,000 worth of jewellery stolen

A wrist watch and gold ornaments, to a total value of \$3,140, were stolen from the second floor flat of 16, Yuen Yuen Street, Happy Valley, yesterday evening.

One up on Pop

Billy G. Sanson, five, was taken on a fishing trip by his father and a friend. Billy caught a 2½-pound crappie. Pop and friend went biteless.—UPI.

Paleface unions no good for Red Indians

Washington, Apr. 7.
The Navajo Red Indians went on the warpath today, insisting on their rights as a sovereign nation and claiming that their treaty with the United States did not mean they had to obey the white man's laws.

And they have threatened to cut off the white man's supply of uranium for the big mushroom bombs if the pipe of peace is not smoked soon.

Labour union no good for Indian, Navajo tribal leaders say.

Navajos say they are an independent nation with a capital at Window Rock, Arizona, and that paleface labour laws do not apply to them.

The court will rule tomorrow on their application for an injunction to block an election at their factory of a union to act as their collective bargaining agent.

But the national labour relations board and the steelworkers, operating engineers and labourers unions have said that the white man's laws will be enforced on the Indian reservation.—Reuter.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Market closes with plus signs**Hongkong Docks show a spectacular rise**

The market after a very weak opening earlier in the week closed yesterday with plus signs spread over most sections of the board.

Highlight of the week's trading was the big demand in Lands, Humphreys and HK Docks.

Docks put on a spectacular \$15 on the week while Lands advanced a little over \$8 closing at \$56 and still in demand.

Humphreys shot up from \$24½ last week to \$25.80 yesterday on rumours of a possible new issue.

The market started on the upturn on Tuesday when a substantial amount of cash was released from the over-subscribed Gas share. Incidentally these shares were over-subscribed ten-fold and only a maximum of 100 shares were allowed those subscribing for 500 and over.

The Gas company shares will be quoted from April 11 and it will be interesting to see what the opening price will be.

The Yau Ma Tei Ferry had their annual meeting recently and there appears to be no sign of a bonus issue although this was hinted at during the meeting.

During the week Banks strengthened considerably, bucking up \$35. Insurances were won and lacked support.

Allies looked as if they would improve but any bid to boost prices was met with willing sellers.

There was little movement in Wheatshears as compared with the rest of the market.

Hotels, Providents and China Lights were the dull spots.

Both the rubber and cotton sections showed improvement on renewed demand.

There was some demand during the week for Caldwells.

On the whole the market appears to be heading for a new high.

Good company news and more overseas investment buying has no doubt stimulated the market.

Profit-taking may creep in at odd times but it is doubtful whether it will have any effect on the present trend of the market.

Yesterday's Closing

COMMODITY PRICES

RUBBER

NEW YORK
Box rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb.:
Oct. 30.77
Dec. 30.70
Mar. 31.19
May 31.45
July 31.50
Oct. 30.75
Mar. 30.32

METALS

NEW YORK
Closing prices, all in cents per lb.:
Lead May 11.25
Zinc May 11.50
Copper July 11.75
Spot rubber unbaled 28.14-28.16
Blanket crepe 33.14-33.16
No. 1 pale crepe 37.45-37.48

LONDON
Closing prices all in pence per long ton.
Buyers Sellers
Tin 788 790
2-month 796 797
Copper 224½ 263
3-month 240½ 240½
Lead 1st half April 71½ 78
July 70½ 77
Zinc 1st half April 91½ 91½
July 89½ 89½

COTTON

NEW YORK
Closing prices all in cents per lb.:
Spot 31.10 nom.
May 32.95
June 33.35
July 33.35
Aug. 33.35
Sept. 33.35
Oct. 33.35
Nov. 33.35
Dec. 33.35
Mar. 31.45
Apr. 34.15-35.15
May 34.15-35.15
June 33.35-33.35
Estate crepe thick May 30.75
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NEW ORLEANS
Closing prices all in cents per lb.:
Spot 31.00
May 32.97
June 32.97
July 32.97

★ The share market at a glance ★

	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Yield (%)
HK Bank	1290	1270	1250	1245	1280	+\$35	\$48	3.4
Lombard	46b	45½	45b	45	44b	-1	\$2	4.8
Union	100s	100s	100s	99	92b	-97	\$3.40	3.7
Wheatshears	71½	74½	73½	71½	72½	+15	25c	3.5
HK Wharf	168b½	172	168	161xd	169xd	-1	58	4.7
HK Docks	94½	97	95½	94½	94xd	+15	\$10	0.9
Provident	52	54	50½	49½	54	+55	\$2.80	5.6
HK Hotels	19.70	18.60xd	18.20xd	17.40	18.10	+70	\$1.10	5.5
HK Lands	50½xd	50½xd	50½xd	35½	36	+150	\$2.50	6.6
HK Realty	17.75	17.75	17.5	17.0	17.5	+50	\$2.40	4.2
HK Trans	34½	33½	32½	31½	32	+25c	\$2.05	6.3
Star Ferry	145b	155	153b	152	153	+1	\$9	5.8
Yamatots	151b	174	164xd	169	171	+82	\$8.60	5.2
Ch Light	21.60	22.70	23.30	23.70	23	-70c	\$1.10	4.8
Electric	27.10xd	27.60	27.30	27	27½	+50c	\$1.90	7.3
HK Telephone	38½	37½	33½	36	36½	+25c	\$1.75	4.8
G. I. Cement	44½	45½	44	43½	44	+25c	\$4	8.5
Dairy Farm	26.10	26.30	26.80	26.20	27	+70c	\$1.85	6.9
A. S. Watson	33½	32½	32½	31½	33	+51.25	\$1.50	5.8
Lane, Crawford	8.40	8.25	8.20	8.20	8.20	steady	65c	7.6
Intl. Investment	0.70	6.00	6.05	6.80	7	+20c	25c	3.6
Allied	16.40	16.20	15½	15½	16.00m	steady	90c	5.8
HK FE Inv.	10.40	9.90	9.75	9.14	9.00	+40c	65c	6.5
Textile Corp	15.60	15b	14.60	14.10	14.70	+60c	70c	5

Sentiment improves on London market

London, Apr. 7.
Wall Street's overnight rally and more good company news improved sentiment in unsettled markets today but buyers were scarce while waiting for a clearer outlook.

Industries made a mixed showing. Steel sawed, engineering drifted downside, electricals were undecided and textiles went flat. Several blue chips were easier.—UPI.

Closing Prices

	Gilted Bonds	
£100-12½	107½	107½
Consol. 2½-12.40%	107½	107½
Consol. 4½-12.75%	107½	107½
Conversion Loan 31½%	106½	106½
Funding Loan 3½-105½	105½	105½
£100-13½	108½	108½
Stock 12½-12.50%	108½	108½
£100-13½	108½	108½
Funding Loan 100-100%	100	100
Savings 3½-100½	100½	100½
Savings 5½-100½	100½	100½
Bank		
Bailey's Bank "A" Ltd ord-3½		
Chartered Bank 50b 9d		
Hongkong & Shang. 10½ 10½		
Lloyd's Bank "A"-62½		
Insurance		
Union Insurance 12-13/10		
Aircraft and Motors		
British Motor Corp. Ord-22s 8d		
Ford Motor Co.-100s 4½d		
Rankers Suddeley Group-32s		
7½		
Rootes Ltd "A"-11s		
Standard-Triumph International-12s 6d		
Prewering		
Distiller 20-22s 24s		
South African Breweries-24s		
Building and Materials		
Associated Portland Cement-75s		
Goudland Wall & Lend Ord-53s		
Coal, Steel & Engineering		
Bathurst Colliery Ltd-40s 3d		
United Steel-31s		
Vickers Ltd-140s 11d cor.		
Food and Tobacco		
British American Tob. Co. Ltd-62d		
Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd-62d		
Canadian Dollars: Maximum selling 14 25/32; Minimum buying 17 1/32 17/32; Sterling notes (per £) 1.73		
British Burma Petroleum-2s		
British Petroleum Co. Ltd-87s		
Dunhill-40s 6d		
Shell Transport & Trading-151d 1d cor.		
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TRADING LESS ACTIVE ON NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Apr. 7.

The stock market closed mixed today after its four consecutive advances. Trading was less active.

The market was higher and active at the opening following Wednesday's good gain. Prices improved during the first hour, but profit taking in the second hour cut the gains. Gains were extended again in the early afternoon, but a second round of profit taking left the market mixed at the close.

Most price changes ranged from a few cents to around one dollar a share. Most of the motors and steels declined after their good rise yesterday. Some chemicals, radios and selected issues advanced.

Over 1,249 issues traded, 1,236 advanced, 455 declined, and 230 were unchanged.—AP.

Closing Prices

	Int'l. Business Machines	471
INT'L BUSINESS MACHINES	45	
International Nickel	106½	
International Paper	10	
Intl. Tel. & Tel.	39	
Johns-Manville Co.	54½	
Kaiser Industries	12½	
Kodak, Eastman & Film	45	
Kennecott Copper	77½	
Kimberly Clark	50½	
Liggett & Myer's	50½	
Littell Corp.	54½	
Lithonia	77½	
Lockheed Aircraft	23½	
Loew's Inc.	20½	
Lord & Taylor	26½	
Lorillard P. & G.	38½	
Lowenstein & Sons	10½	
McDermott J. Ray	31½	
Merck & Co.	40½	
Mesabi Iron Corp.	75	
Minnesota Mining	100	
Monsanto Chemical Co.	44½	
Monteath, W.	27½	
Motorola Inc.	160½	
National Cash Reg.	33½	
National Lead	60½	

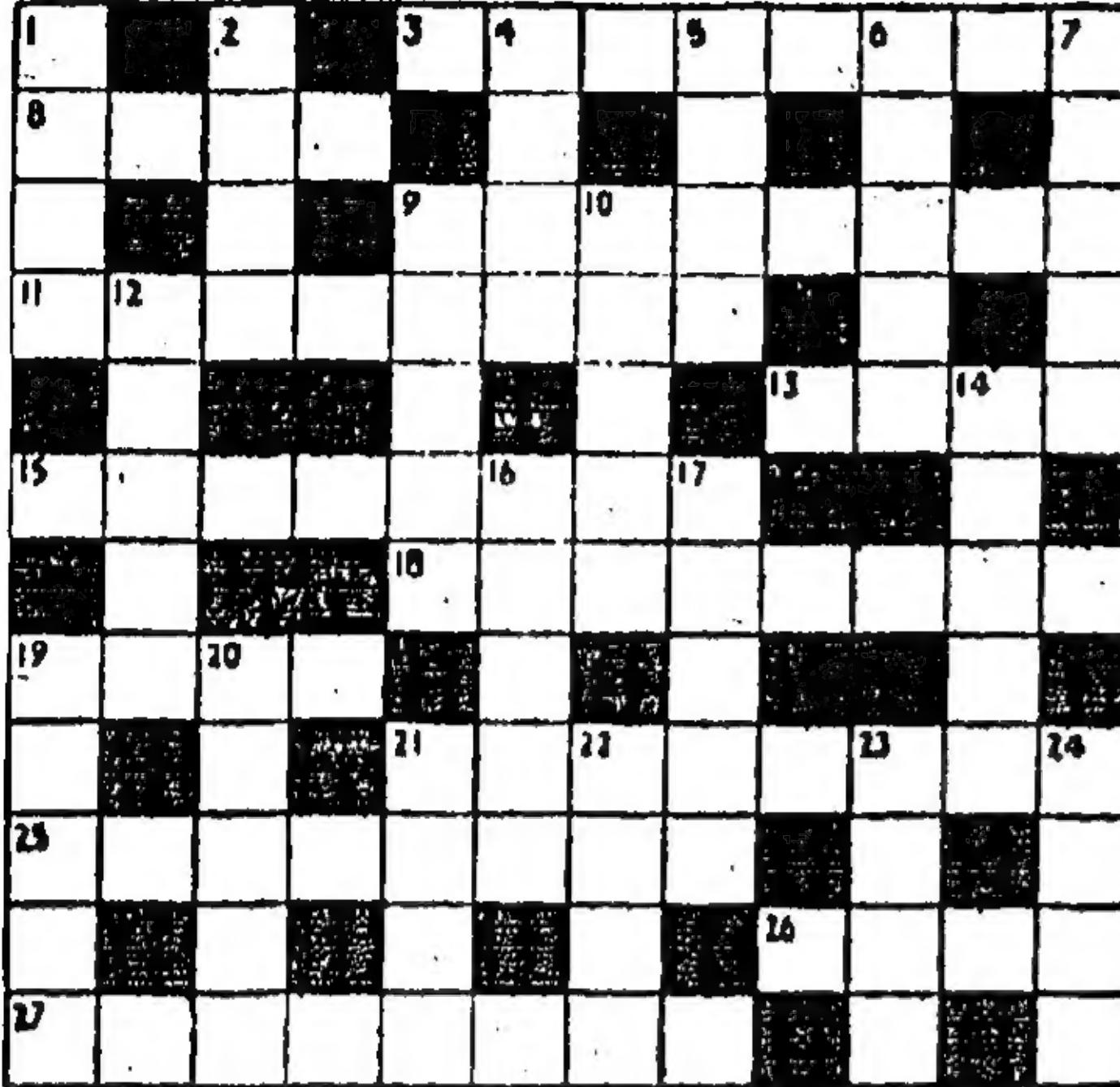
Gibraltar—from
440 miles up!

Washington, Apr. 7.
The United States' television satellite "Tiros I" has transmitted from an altitude of 440 miles pictures clearly showing the boot of Italy, the Strait of Gibraltar, the Suez area and the eastern Mediterranean nations, and the southwest coast of Europe, officials reported today—UPI.

Tories criticise the budget CHANCELLOR TO MP'S: 'YOU TELL ME HOW'

London, Apr. 7.
Mr Derick Heathcoat Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight challenged Conservative critics of his budget to say which of the government's present policies they wished to see reversed.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Fighting (8).
- 8 And above-board? (4).
- 9 Demon ale confection! (8).
- 11 Spare man used to make cheese (8).
- 13 Royal service units! (4).
- 15 Way to charm (8).
- 18 About that funeral carriage, try it out beforehand! (8).
- 19 Other effect of subtraction—or destruction (4).
- 21 Sent about a dime as deposit (8).
- 25 Translatic in school? (8).
- 26 Link maybe in the brick-making chain (4).
- 27 Many have it on the house! (8).

DOWN

- 1 Bit of an impromptu frolic (4).
- 2 Animal to carry? (4).
- 3 Freezes up (4).
- 5 Calm figure (4).
- 6 Put out of countenance with a heavy blow (5).
- 7 They hide Jock's legs (5).
- 8 Famous blitz composer (5).
- 10 A contest of striking possibilities (5).
- 12 Miss Oakley? (5).
- 14 James the builder (5).
- 16 More recent (8).
- 17 Most unusual (5).
- 18 Weller's "deppity sawbones" (5).
- 20 Possibly Norse Spaniard (5); 21 A Stock Exchange party? (4).
- 22 Manure (4).
- 23 Give out (4).
- 24 Minute (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Ma-R.C.-in, 4 Brass, 7 Well-paid, 8 Dress, 9 Dibber, 11 Arabian, 13 Twosome, 15 Spread, 18 Runts, 19 Thirteen, 20 Edgar, 21 Earner. Down: 1 MO-wed, 2 C-sle-B, 3 Anagram, 4 Buddha, 5 Adhesive, 6 Seusen, 10 Browning, 12 Respite, 13 Thrice, 14 Oyster, 16 Rotor, 17 Donor.

Mr Amory has been criticised by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, a former Chancellor, Mr Gerald Nabarro, Lord Hinchliffe, and others for not cutting government expenditure and thus allowing for a reduction in taxation.

Replying to a four-day House of Commons debate on his proposals, Mr Amory said Mr Thorneycroft had not made it clear where he would make his major economies.

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There were loud ironical Labour cheers when Mr Nabarro rose to say he wanted the Chancellor drastically to strengthen parliamentary control over the "huge sums" he was providing for capital investment in the nationalised industries.

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WIFE USES SCIENCE IN DEFENCE OF PILOT

London, Apr. 7.

A wife used her scientific knowledge at an official inquiry here today in an attempt to vindicate her pilot husband from blame for an air crash.

Mrs Ruby Thalin, wife of Captain James Thalin, co-pilot of the British European Airways Elizabethan airliner which crashed at Munich, Germany, in February 1958, today told the inquiry of experiments she made after a German inquiry had blamed her husband.

The German inquiry attributed the crash, in which 23 people, including Manchester United footballers, were killed, to ice on the plane's wings.

Mrs Thalin, who is a science teacher, said she had a degree in chemistry and physics. She believed ice formed on the wings because a fine fire-extinguishing powder was used when the plane crashed and caught fire.

EXPERIMENTS

She used some of the powder in her experiments. She found that when snow came into contact with it the solution could melt and then freeze at a lower temperature.

Captain Thalin, 39, has been grounded since the crash. The inquiry was set up to investigate his belief that slush on the runway caused it to decide whether he satisfied himself the wings were free of ice and snow, and to decide if the runway was fit for use.

The inquiry closed today after Captain Thalin had given evidence. Mr E. S. Fay, who presided, said a report would go to the Minister of Aviation Mr Duncan Sandy—China Mail Special.

Nairobi, Apr. 7.
A former Kenya police inspector, Eric Thomas Sims, was found slashed to death outside his home at Karen near Nairobi early today. His African servant is being questioned.

Sims, 34, worked for the Coca-Cola company in Nairobi. He was unmarried.—AP.

Cancer patients were heavy smokers, doctor testifies

Pittsburgh, Apr. 7.

A cancer specialist testified at a US\$1,250,000 damage suit against a leading cigarette firm today that virtually every patient he treated for epidermoid cancer had a history of heavy smoking.

Dr David Kremer, who seven years ago treated the plaintiff in the case, Otto Pritchard, said he attended between 15 and 20 patients who had contracted what he termed epidermoid cancer. He added that his patients admitted smoking a packet or more of cigarettes a day.

McArdie, who believed the first-time medical men testified under oath on the cancer—cigarette issue, said similar testimony had been offered before congressional committees but the witnesses were not under oath.—UPI.

French farmers up in arms over policies.

Sens, Apr. 8.
Around 10,000 angry French farmers clashed with riot police last night following a massive demonstration against government farm policies.

Several persons were reported injured, none seriously.

The farmers rallied at Sens one of 18 such meetings throughout France which massed about 200,000 farmers in a nationwide show of protest over government policies and declining farm income.

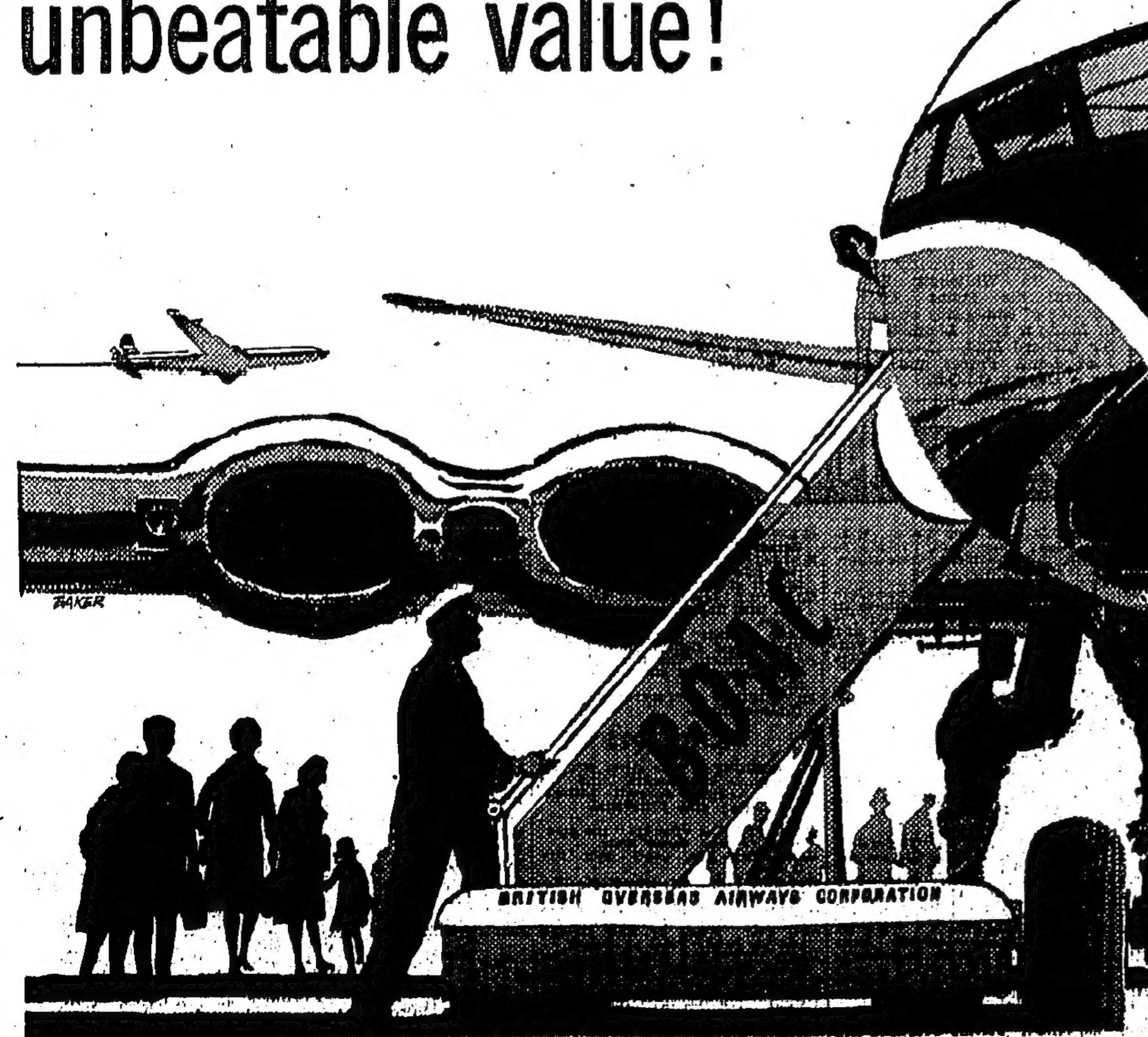
Elsewhere the demonstrations were spirited but peaceful in accordance with farm leaders' plans to "leave the pitchforks at home"—AP.



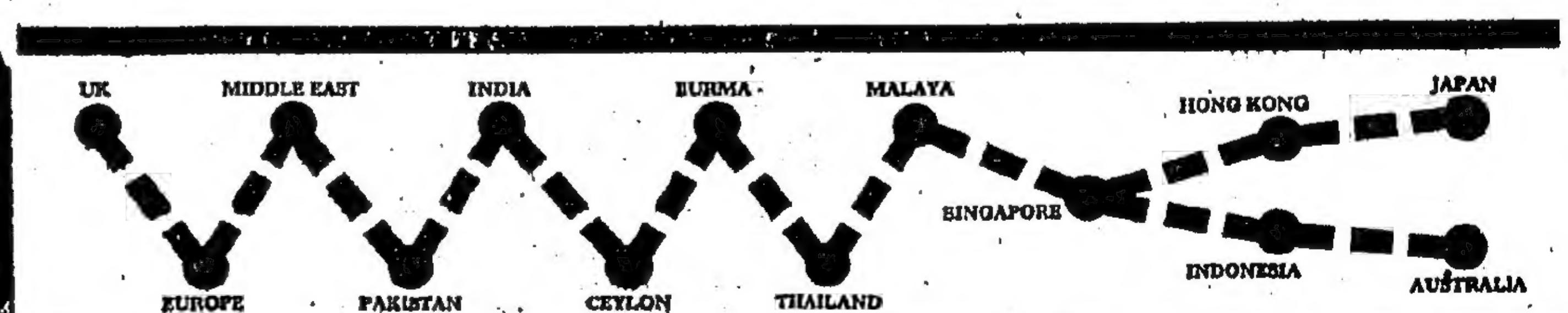
The memorial chapel to the late Queen Astrid of Belgium was recently moved bodily across the road to the lakeside near Küssnacht on Lake Lucerne, Switzerland, in one of the oddest moves ever carried out in Switzerland. The tiny 160-ton chapel was erected by the Belgians to mark the spot where Queen Astrid was killed in a car accident in 1935. Now, a quarter of a century later, it was being moved 75 yards to a spot on the other side of the road.—AP Photo.

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Ex-HK soldier makes hit

GARY MARSHALL IS NEW SINGING STAR IN LONDON

By COLIN RICKARDS

A public-schoolboy who first sang in a Hongkong nightclub has hit British show business in a big way with his first record. He is tall, good looking Gary Marshall, 26.

It was a chance singing engagement that started Gary on a show business career. One of those rare opportunities that can change a man's life.

Without it he might have stayed in the Army.

It was 1955, Southampton-born Gary was a lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals stationed in Hongkong. In his spare time he was a jazz programme compere and disc jockey for a commercial radio station there.

Then, arranging a programme with Filipino jazz musicians in Hongkong's "Blue Heaven" club, he was persuaded to sing with the quintet. In Hongkong, he sang under his real name, Gary Crook.

"At first I didn't want to," said Gary. "But I thoroughly enjoyed it, and so, apparently, did the patrons. From then on I sang fairly regularly there and decided to try and get into serious show business."

"That first song was 'Don't Blame Me,' and I count it as being a very lucky one for me."

Gary's interest in "pop" music and jazz stems from that first break at the "Blue Heaven."

"I grew up in a rather

secular public school and only sang hymns and classical music until I was 17," he told me. "I first became conscious of popular music when I went to Sandhurst and of jazz when I was in Korea."

After Korea, he was posted to Japan and then to Hongkong where he began working for a radio station. Then came the singing engagements.

"This was quickly halted by the Army," he laughed. "One of the majors came to the club and

said 'Get out of here, you're not allowed to sing.'

When he came out of the Army, Gary sang in London night clubs, appeared in television musical programmes and straight plays and modelled commercial television advertisements.

"The night clubs were hard, the commercials were hell, but the singing itself was just great," said Gary. "I was learning all the time. In fact, I still am."

Now his first record—"Oh You Beautiful Doll," backed by "Large As Life"—is on the record counters and doing well. The ex-soldier from Hongkong is on the way up—London Express Service.



GARY MARSHALL

heard me sing. He liked it. But the next day I was on the mat in front of the colonel and that ended the singing."

In Hongkong, too, Gary met an American girl named Shirley who worked for an airline. They were married. Now they have a year-old son, Jamie, and are expecting another baby in May.

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Taipei tells HK to give aid only to refugees

Relief officials here yesterday urged the Hongkong Government to use all the money raised during World Refugee Year for refugees only.

Mr Ku Cheng-kan, chairman of the Free China Relief Association, and Mr Fang Chih, Secretary-General of the organisation, said they would consider it "unreasonable and illogical" for the Hongkong Government to use any part of the fund to improve the welfare of Hongkong residents in general as the British Colony was reported planning to do.

Mr Ku said he learned from different sources that the Colony planned to use the money not as direct aid for the refugees, but to finance the colony.

He said refugees might be employed as labourers in these projects, but that would not solve the basic problem of their livelihood permanently.

"I am afraid that on that day when the projects are completed and the money used, the refugees will remain refugees in need," he added.

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Government dragon hunt

Port Moresby, Apr. 7. The Papua-New Guinea administration is to go hunting dragons.

An administration spokesman said a reward would be offered for the tree-climbing dragons, dead or alive.

Reports of the "dragons", said to grow 20-feet long with huge claws, have come from scattered coastal areas of the territory.

A patrol officer said recently that he had seen native drawings of the dragons and he believed that the beasts could be Komona dragons which are thought to exist only on the Javanese island of Komona.

However, the Government anthropologist in Port Moresby said today that he doubted very much whether the dragons existed.

A FIGMENT

He said that no European had ever seen one, and he thought they were just a figment of the native mind as they do not appear in native legends.

The reports of the dragons had aroused interest in the Territories Department in Canberra, the administration spokesman said, and an advertisement would be inserted in a native publication offering a reward for the capture of a dragon dead or alive.—China Mail Special.

Wrong side up

Sydney, Apr. 7. The Australian artist, William Dobell, is again involved in a controversy—but this time as a judge and not as an artist.

He recently painted a controversial portrait of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, which appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

Last Monday he was one of three judges for art prizes at the Sydney Royal Show, and today one of the entrants, a Frenchwoman, claimed that her entry had been judged after being hanged the wrong way around.

NOT ABSTRACT

Officials who hung the entries claimed that the woman's five-foot high painting, entitled "Industry," was abstract.

However, she said today that the painting was not abstract.

"If you put it on its feet, the machinery functions perfectly," she said.

Dobell was not available today for comment.—China Mail Special.

BOAC BACK

London, Apr. 7. The British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that services to Cairo, suspended since October of 1956, will be resumed, starting on Sunday.

The announcement said that Comet IV jet airliners will stop at Cairo on flights between London and points in Pakistan, India and the Far East.—Reuter.

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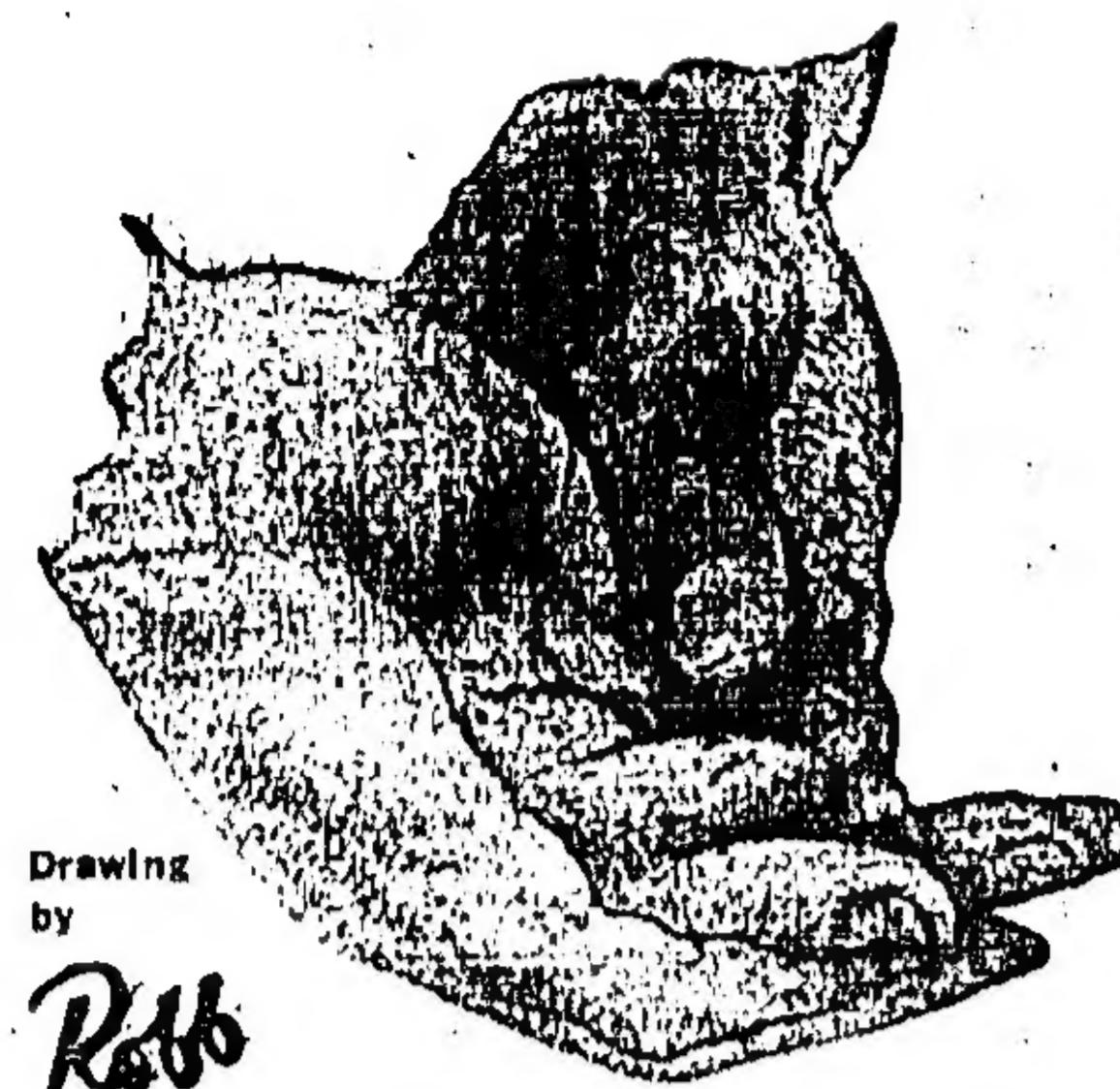
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Why?

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this now
very familiar
hands-behind-
the-back habit

—but WHY?

IT'S really becoming an international joke, this rigid hands-clasped-behind-the-back posture adopted by male members of the royal circle.

Last month, the French magazine *Paris-Match* carried three pages of pictures showing this from George V to Prince Charles. It is "the thing" for a royal male to do, whether walking, talking, or standing still.

And finally there was a giant photograph taken from behind Tony Armstrong-Jones when he is leaning forward with hands linked somewhere round the small of his back. Trumpet the headlines: "Tony est OK."

Well, you can hardly blame anyone who takes this blanched, self-effacing stand by the bulk of O-Kayness.

From his very first pictures with Princess Margaret—taken the day after the engagement announcement—Mr Armstrong-Jones revealed himself an eager disciple of the Prince Philip pose.

A tradition

Since then—whether at the opera or the races—he hasn't let up.

But whereas his future brother-in-law can get away with it, I'm afraid Mr Armstrong-Jones can't.

Maybe it's his slender build, maybe it's his modest height, maybe it's his later-day informality but there's some-

PILOT CAN SIT BACK AND WATCH

By PETER WOON

COMET jets are to be test-landed without their pilots over touching the controls.

Their crews will sit back and fold arms as they speed into Bedford Airfield and touch down at 120 miles an hour. Flying the power jets will be "George the Second"—the completely automatic, look-no-hands system developed by Bedford's Blind Landing Experimental Unit—proved in over 4,000 touch-downs with Varsity and Canberra aircraft and already ordered for the R.A.F.

Revolutionary

Now the Minister of Aviation, Mr Duncan Sandys, who is anxious to bring the revolutionary benefits of the system to civil flying, has instructed that Comets should be used.

Chosen for the task are two Ministry of Aviation aircraft that have been used to prepare the Comet 4s for service with Boac and BEA.

They will be fitted out with the radio-ultrimeter and computing equipment that provides automatic landing for an extra weight of about 100lb, and a cost of about £5,000.

The radio-ultrimeter gives the correct rate of descent, throttles back the engines and "kicks off" any drift caused by wind.

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Safety

This is the system to end the hazards of fog and bad weather and to bring much greater safety to flying—for 80 per cent of all air accidents are at landing.

Britain's new generation of jets, the DH102 for BEA, and the VC 10 for Boac, are both being fitted with the radio-ultrimeter part of the system. And it is the Comets expected to start their operations at Bedford in the autumn, which will pave the way.

(London Express Service)

thing unnatural and self-conscious about Mr Armstrong-Jones chatting gaily without a Celtic show of hands.

Anyway, why does he do it? Why do they all do it? My own theory is that it stems from the strong naval tradition running through the House of Mountbatten-Windsor.

I called on several likely sources to support me. Not all of them did. Here is what they said...

No ideal

BUCKINGHAM PALACE: "We've absolutely no idea. Well, it may be a custom but it's much more likely to be a purely personal idiosyncrasy..."

ANGUS McLEAN, photographer: "Surely it's because the ordinary man often puts his hands in his pockets and this would be the ultimate sin on a formal occasion."

"This stance avoids the temptation. It's not very nice to see, but it is a way out of a grievous mental difficulty. Me?"

"I'd never ask anyone to pose for a photograph with his hands behind his back—unless it were a girl and I wanted to show off her figure..."

THE ADMIRALTY: "Yes, naval officers do tend to stand that way—it is, you might say, quite customary in the Navy without being a naval custom."

A tip

"Probably Prince Philip picked it up during his days at sea. Why? Well, one is discouraged from putting one's hands in one's pockets and what else can you do—other than let them hang down at your side like a pair of great hams?"

"But it's not a great naval tradition—like carrying a telescope under the left arm so that the right is free to salute..."

ROBB, who drew the hands above: "It may well be tip passed on in royal circles for concealing one's nervousness in front of a crowd. When you think about it, most public speakers have some gimmick—they pull their left ear, play with their tie or cling to their lapels, and in the old days sticking your thumbs in your waistcoat was the thing, so why not this?"

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA: "It's unlikely it has anything to do with nervousness or public speaking. After all, naval officers have always walked the back—it's an unwritten law—and it's probably something passed on to Armstrong-Jones by Prince Philip."

"Though whereas the Prince does it with such a

relaxed look (he's obviously done it for years), Armstrong-Jones pulls his arms so far back it looks uncomfortable..."

KILGOUR FRENCH AND STANBURY, tailors: "When a man like Armstrong-Jones is elevated to a position like that, it's bound to be similar to an actor on a stage—he doesn't know where to put his hands—so one would imagine that he found it best to copy Prince Philip."

"His clothes? A well-cut suit should be able to take that attitude—it all depends on the pitch of the sleeves—and bear such a habit in mind..."

A spy-glass

GODFREY WINN: "I always do the same thing with my arms if I'm inspecting a factory or walking in front of a lot of people—or on an occasion like that you can't put your hands in your pockets and if you just let your arms hang you look like a dummy, and if you let them swing you look like a soldier marching..."

"Yes, I think I learned it in the Navy," says the officer on watch always walks up and down the quarter-deck with his hands behind his back." He chuckled. "You know, the only thing Tony hasn't got now is a spy-glass."

A HARLEY STREET PSYCHOLOGIST: "I don't think there's anything psychological about it, just purely practical. When people are under scrutiny they don't know what to do with their hands, and this is a means of assuring they won't look awkward or give people attention with a lot of gestures."

Mind you, whereas the Prince looks quite at home, Armstrong-Jones gives the impression of having been told to walk this way and is probably a lot more uncomfortable than it left to his own devices.

"Though when you consider the stance it's really only the equivalent of standing-at-ease in the Army..."

Well, what do you think?

COUTURIER Hardy Amies is back in this week again after 10 years' absence.

AFTER TEN LONG YEARS...

FILM producer Ivan ("Touch of Larcony") Foxwell tells a neat story of when Van Johnson was a house-guest at his country home.

It seems that Mr Johnson wanted to see a real old English castle but the closest

Mr Foxwell could get was the reale old English mansion belonging to the Duke of Beaufort.

He phoned the duke, explaining Mr Johnson's request, and asked if they might drive over for a look round. The Duke not only agreed but invited them to lunch.

After a guided tour of the grounds they re-entered the house by a long hallway hung with ancestral paintings. Van Johnson gazed at them in wonder.

"Say, it's just like at the studios in Hollywood," he breathed. "The foyers are lined with pictures of the top stars. Why, would you believe it?" he exclaimed, stopping before one.

"That's Basil Rathbone!"

"That," corrected the Duke of Beaufort, "is Charles the First."

HARD LINES . . . BY JAK

London Express Service

Trouble in the Isles of Boom**Something dangerous is stirring in Paradise for tourists**

From RENE MacCOLL: Nassau, Bahamas, Thursday

THE Bahamas Islands are in a state of wild and wonderful boom. Into this sunny British Colony there swirls a swelling torrent of American tourists—275,000 of them are expected this year, compared with 32,000 only a decade ago.

Property values are leaping on Bay Street, the famous business section of Nassau, choice sites can set you back from £1,000 to £3,000 a frontage foot.

There is no tax on either income or capital gains, and no inheritance tax on land.

But the Bahamians are well paid in comparison with the working masses in the other islands of the Caribbean area, their living conditions are more often than not pretty wretched.

So that's Irritant No. 1—the black Bahamians are well paid in comparison with the working masses in the other islands of the Caribbean area, their living conditions are more often than not pretty wretched.

The situation should have been eased in 1958 when the respected newspaper editor Etienne Dupuch (rhymes with "booch") succeeded in putting an end to race discrimination in public places. But suspicion and dislike of the "boys" persisted.

In 1953 they had been almost for the first time seriously challenged by a political opposition, when the Progressive

Liberal Party, virtually all-Negro, made its appearance.

That is Irritant No. 2: a black opposition party sniping away at a white governing party, for the Bay Street whites lost no time in forming the United Bahamian Party to counter the PLP.

Ugly

Irritant number three, by far the ugliest, proved to be a deliberate campaign of racial defiance unleashed and fostered by Cyril Stephenson, member of the Colony's House of Assembly and general secretary of the P.L.P.

Mr Stephenson, in his pleasant sitting-room above the offices of the weekly newspaper which he edits with such vigour, proved to be a floridly handsome pale-skinned man in his early forties with only faintly

discernible Negro facial characteristics.

He smiles easily and often. His pretty wife is white and half-English.

'Dictator'

"They call me a would-be dictator," said Stephenson. "They say I aspire to be another Nkrumah. It is not so."

"Do we want sovereign independence for the Bahamas? No, no. We rely on Britain too much. But we do want to be fully in charge of our own internal affairs."

"Now what about all this racial incitement?" I asked.

Stephenson smiled and waved his hand. "Ah," he said, "when you're running for office you have to say a few things you may not strictly mean."

Over now to Bay Street and into the office of one of the leading "Boys," Foster Clarke, a lawyer, elegant, relaxed, pleased, surrounded. "Let's face it—we are outnumbered. We consider the racial hatred fostered by our opponents to be utterly detestable."

Any truth in the reports that some powerful Bay Streeters talk of seceding to the U.S.?

Not yet, says Clarke. Apart from anything else, the Bahamians would find themselves loaded with stiff taxes.

"But anyway 98 per cent of us in this Colony, white or coloured, are satisfied with the British heritage and condition. We could not survive without her."

(London Express Service)

TALKING POINTS

A brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

LISA KIRK

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

THOMAS PAINE

But if he stays late at the office, cultivating an ulcer, he's in trouble for leaving his wife alone!

(London Express Service)

WOMANSENSE

by ELIZABETH DICKSON

THIS NEW LOOK IN LINGERIE THAT IS A FASHION STORY IN ITSELF...

LONDON.

UNLIKE American women, who happily spend small fortunes building up a lingerie wardrobe, and Frenchwomen, who have always known that what goes underneath is as vital as what goes on top—the Englishwoman is driven by sheer necessity to buy a new bra or girdle. Hence the sad garment she discards once in six months.

But the outlook is changing. And one of the chief reasons is the launching of colours.

In the coupon days it was corsets firm which operates the sales of 700 different lingerie lines in 50 countries.

He is the man responsible for launching the new Guinea Glamour Bra—whose trial sales in four colours have proved so successful in the last month that he has already introduced two more shades originally planned for the autumn. To cope with the colour demand he has started a 24-hour delivery service. The stock? Over 300,000.

And of course there's nothing like the power of that old black magic. Nylon, Perlon and Bristylon are the current best-selling fabrics.

Streamlined

To find out more about the change-over in colour, I talked to Peter Craig-Raymond, managing director of a Swiss



This model girl wears a black lace evening bra lined in rose pink nylon, and over her girdle, a can-can petticoat of black nylon lace.

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Opening lead—Q

Choosing a foundation family is copying a method from America, and in spite of pretty ideas that are found in the shops from France, Switzerland and Italy, the British manufacturers still keep a respectful eye on the American designs.

What about the other new basic fashion trends?

Taking over from the chintz-prize Liberty bodice, a lissom, delicate bra and girdle has been designed.

THIS garment—it's name recalls the Victorian era—has two uses: It claims to give a high "decolletage," when worn solo under a strapless, decolleté bra, evening basque, girdle, pantie girdle, and suspender belt.

Prettiest of these is in ruched nylon, slotted with ribbon and embroidered with flowers. The most sophisticated is in black and pink lace.

The latest pre-shaped bra dispenses the faint air of ridicule that was synonymous with the padded bra.

Gone is the bolstered foam ring in the dubious shape. Now this season is the fine layer of firmness built into almost every bra up to an outside, and the padded bra is now re-named the "pre-shape plus."

It is estimated that 20 per cent of bras sold in this country are pre-shaped. In America it is 80 per cent.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

General Tin's Job

Knaf and Teddy Think He Has It Very Easy

By MAX TRELL

stern voice. "And I'm always on duty."

Who's that?

"Halt! Who goes there?" he suddenly snapped, whirling around toward the open door. "I have the easiest job in the house."

"Don't you, General?" asked Knaf.

Just stand

"All you do all day," Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, said to Knaf, "is stand by the door with your musket over your shoulder. You never do anything else."

Here Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian spoke up in a loud, clear voice as he stood in front of General Tin:

"I think you do more work than anybody else in the whole house!"

Then Hiawatha shook General Tin by the hand, and sat down again.

Very pleased

"Well," said General Tin, taken quite by surprise, but very pleased at what Hiawatha had just said, "I'm glad somebody thinks I'm useful around here."

"What I'd like to know," said Knaf, "is why you have to stand up all the time. Why don't you sit down like everybody else?"

"When I'm on duty, I stand up," replied General Tin in a

COLOUR: It can make a room

seem big or small

by H. Edward Newman

TO make a room look larger use a light colour. Dark or strong intense colours are aggressive and would tend to close in the walls of a room. Light colours achieve the opposite effect.

For this reason you will find that white and light colours are largely used on the walls of the Ideal Home award winning houses.

In some rooms a darker colour may appear in a small quantity as on one wall but it will be relieved by a greater use of lightness in other materials used against it or in the colours of the furnishing.

No scheme, however, can consist of light colours walls alone. The main colour in each scheme of decoration will be kept to be something cheerful.

The contrast colour which is necessary in every scheme to keep the main colour alive is very often a blue or a green.

Where blue may be a main colour an orange or another red shade has been used as contrast sometimes as soft as a peach colour.

The point is that where this main colour or the contrast is strong or intense it is used in much smaller quantities than the light neutral such as white which is popular for the walls.

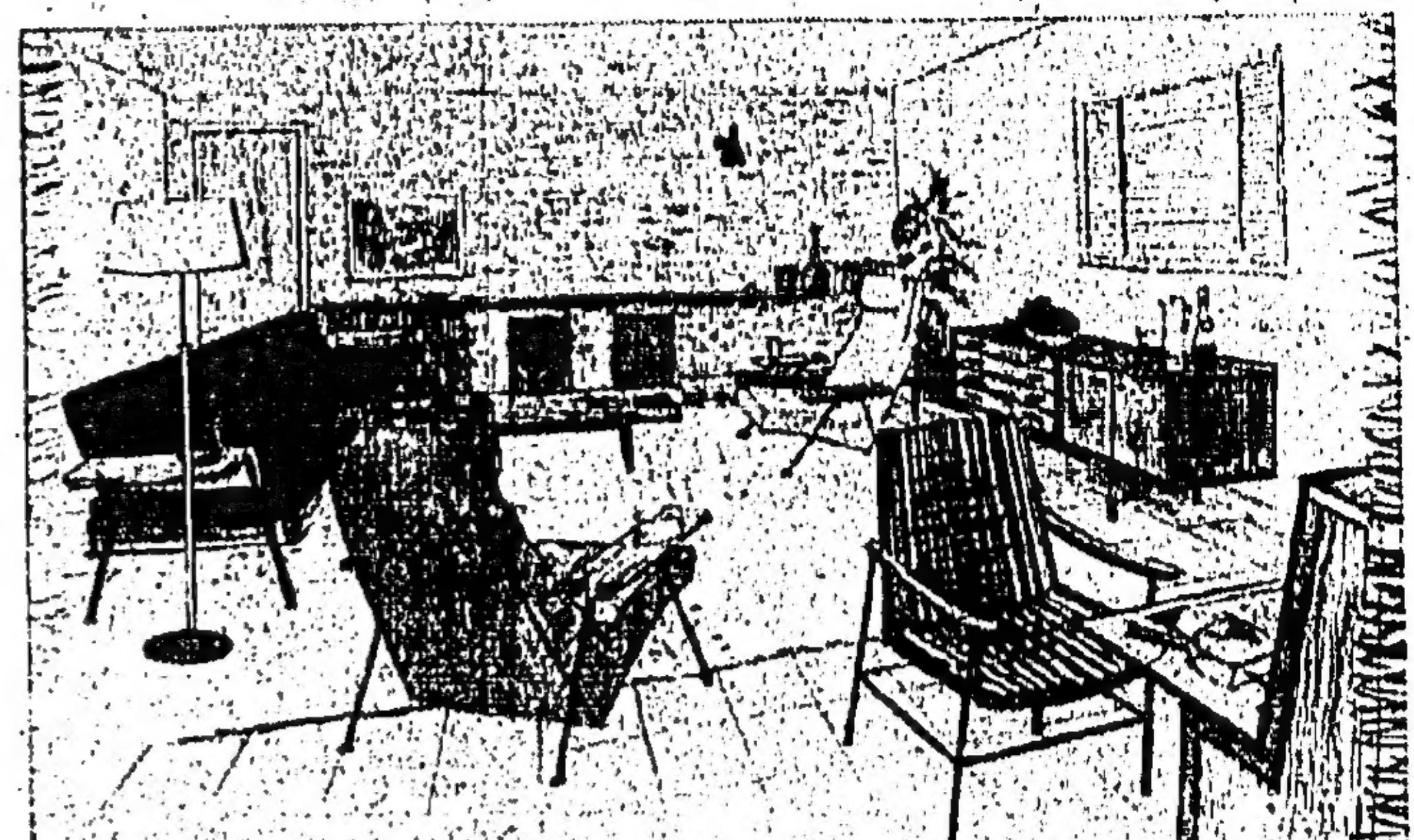
The light neutral generally predominates and it is this more than anything that helps the scheme of decoration to create an effect of space.

This consideration of colour includes of course not only the walls, but the floors, ceilings, curtains and the chair covers.

ONLY PART

COLOUR is however only part of a scheme on decoration. Quite as important is the pattern which may be chosen for wallpaper, fabrics or carpets.

Just as too much strong colour can make a small room look small so can large and



Typifying the new long, low look in interior design: this scheme was produced for the Award House designed by Peter Ball. An off-white Indian carpet covers a wood block floor.

Along the hearth, saffron, pink and lilac floor cushions.

LEO (July 22-August 21): It would be much better for your peace of mind if you stopped dreaming of elaborate schemes, well knowing that they are quite beyond your means.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Lack of immediate response in a matter of the heart should not deter you from continuing your expressions of affection.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Your happy knack of being able to help others out of their difficulties should be an asset in solving complicated problems of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Lack of faith in your partner could shake the foundations of the relationship. Keep your sense of proportion and the doubts will disappear.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Don't be deceived into believing that a comparative stranger understands you better than those close to you.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): You are only wasting time and effort in trying to come closer emotionally to a person who differs from you completely in temperament and outlook.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): In your desire to build up future security you must not neglect the equally important demands of the present.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Don't let a feeling of guilt about a fatal step spoil your future; if you are determined to let it remain an isolated case.



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♥-CARD Sense♥

Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North

2 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

Pass ?

You, South, hold:

4 ♠ KQ975 ♦ 2 ♠ A ♠ Q10984

What do you do?

A—Pass. Your partner has heard you bid two suits and is not playing you for more than the two diamonds you have. Any further bid might find you in serious trouble.

You hold the same hand. Your partner goes to two no-trump after your two heart overcall. What do you do now?

South's seven diamonds was a distinct overbid. There was no reason to credit North with both the king and queen of clubs and South really was lucky to find the king in the hand.

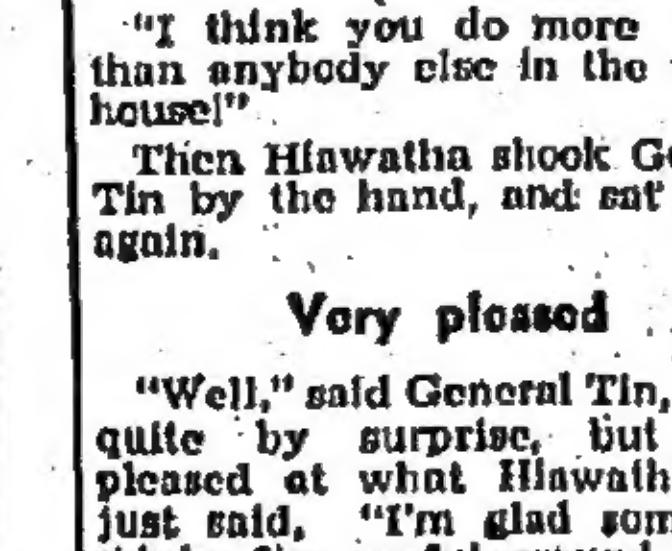
West opened the queen of spades. East played the eight and South ruffed with the nine. Now South played two high trumps and the ace and king of hearts. Then he went out to dummy with the eight of trumps, discarded a club on the queen of hearts, came back to his hand by ruffing a spade and ran off all his trumps.

He discarded down to three clubs in dummy and East was one of those players who believe in holding on to their highest cards threw away all his low cards and kept the ace and king of spades and the ten of hearts.

Rupert and the Windies—49



With the west carpet of cloud below him, Rupert began to go through it again. "I don't remember how far Sandy Bay is," he thinks. "Hello, the cloud finishes far ahead and, yes, I do believe the sea is there, hooray!" The All Rights Reserved



Little plane makes for a hill and the lands. "But this isn't Sandy Bay!" he gasps. "Look at those trees and . . . and those buildings! And how hot it is! This can't be England—oh, Gosh! I must have flown faster than Santa Claus did yesterday!"

"What I'd like to know," said Knaf, "is why you have to stand up all the time. Why don't you sit down like everybody else?"

"When I'm on duty, I stand up," replied General Tin in a

"Knocked Tin over"

"Give me the password, Wolf!" General Tin roared.

Dunkel, who wanted to get into the room, barked several times.

"Get that Wolf out of here!" General Tin shouted again. He whirled around.

This was Dunkel, the black Dog.

"Give me the password, Wolf!" General Tin roared.

Dunkel, who wanted to get into the room, barked several times.

"You've got a very hard job, the hardest in the whole house," Hiawatha said to General Tin.

"No, no, no! That's not the password! You can't come in, Wolf!" said General Tin with determination.

"I'm glad you understand, even if nobody else does," said General Tin. And he smiled thankfully at Hiawatha.

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Tomorrow's prospects at the Valley

KOREA BEAT MALAYA TO RETAIN JUNIOR ASIAN SOCCER CUP

Riot squad called in before match

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 8.
The riot squad was called last night when part of a crowd of about 10,000, unable to get into the Junior Asian Soccer Cup Final between Malaya and Korea, stoned the ticket booth outside Merdeka Stadium.

The crowd quieted down when a police riot van arrived. The people listened to the match, which Korea won 4-0, on pocket radio.

Thirty thousand people inside the stadium saw a game that started at a hectic pace but slowed down in the second half.

Korea, holders of the cup presented by Malayan Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, was more than a match for the demoralised Malaysians in attack and defence.

Korea's first goal came within 40 seconds of the kick-off. A centre-left-wing, Kim Dur-Taung was lifted perosnally by the goal-mouth by Cho Young Ok for Tung Soon Chun to drive home from five yards.

Korea's second goal came after a Malayan forward sent the ball into the side of the net in seven minutes.

Korea attacked from goal-kick and Young Ok scored from a scramble in the Malayan penalty area.

Young Ok scored Korea's third goal three minutes later from a well placed centre by Soon Chun.

The fourth goal came from a penalty taken by Cho Myung Bok after the ball was handled by Malayan right-back Yeo Seng-chay.

Only resolute tackling and fine saves by Malayan goal-

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

11th Race Meeting

Saturday, 9th and Saturday, 16th April, 1960.
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 21 RACES
(There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 11 races on the 2nd Day)

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the Tiffin interval will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexander House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Queen's Building, Chater Road; 5 D'Aguilar Street; King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. **ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICES.**

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSES ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$22.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$24.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road; 5 D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 8th April, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 30th April, 1960, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:

Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong.—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday, 16th April 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon—

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 9th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday, 16th April CLOSED.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1960.

CARRIE AND HOUSE TOP SHOULD BE PROMINENT IN THE TWO WARWICK STAKES RACES

The Eleventh Race Meeting will start tomorrow, April 9, and will be concluded on Saturday, April 16.

There will be 10 races tomorrow and 11 races on the second day, on April 16. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow and at 11.30 a.m. on the second day. The tiffin interval on the second day will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The First Bell after tiffin on the 2nd day will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The two sections of the Shetland Handicap for Classes 3 ponies over the mile will be the main highlights for tomorrow afternoon.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Shropshire Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

Class 7 ponies will contest the opening event of the afternoon for Novice riders.

If it can get off to a good breakaway, Fenchurch (J. M. da Cruz) looks the best bet here.

Spinning Wheel (M. A. C. Roza) is quite at home over this distance and should have a say.

Vendetta (H. Fattydad), although unplaced the last time out, is not bad over this distance and should not be treated lightly.

Marota (P. Plumbly) and Benefaction (Chun Kit) have shown gradual improvement in morning workouts, I particularly liked the way the former was moving and my vote goes to the buy mare.

A good outsider is Good Win (C. Y. Wong) while Gay Monarch (K. Kwok) stands on outside chance of winning.

Aftab (Stanley Ho) and Nero Boy (J. B. Lim) may have something to say here and they should be watched.

SECOND RACE

Dorset Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to 1000 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$2,500 in stake money. They will all carry 40 lbs except winners of more than \$2,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs, and winners which will be imposed a 5 lb penalty.

Pixie (K. Kwok) is carrying 150 lbs, and in view of its easy win in the Cornwall Stakes (First Section) from the 1½ Mile Post at the last meeting will be likely to have the best chance of winning here.

Virtuous (T. H. Yau) is good over this distance and should offer stern opposition to Pixie if it does not actually win.

THIRD RACE

Wills Stakes: From 2 Miles Post.

This race will be contested by 1000 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$2,500 in stake money. They will all carry 40 lbs except winners of more than \$2,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs, and winners which will be imposed a 5 lb penalty.

For the third position Glencoe (Chun Kit) and Green Valley (J. M. da Cruz) will fight out the issue.

FOURTH RACE

Dorset Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is a race for the second batch of 1000 ponies which have won more than \$2,500 in stake money. The weight is 142 lbs. Winners of stake money will carry 147 lbs and the rest 142 lbs.

Among the ponies that are running in this race, Flying Elly (H. K. Hung) which has improved during morning gallops looks like having the best chance of winning here.

For those who are looking for outsiders, Goddess of Victory (C. E. Huise) is the one to go for.

FIFTH RACE

Durham Handicap: From 2 Miles Post.

This race is confined to Class 7 ponies.

First of all we have Beloved (K. Kwok) to consider as the pony is well suited to this distance and, remembering the way it ran and came in second in the Northern Handicap at the Annual Race Meeting over 1½ miles with A. Ostroumoff up, many will doubt doubt rely on it tomorrow when making their bets.

Personally, I think Beloved should win, but Sound Investment (Chun Kit) which is galloping well during morning training, may possibly extend the above pony.

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Pot O'Gold (C. E. Huise).

SIXTH RACE

Warwick Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is for 1000 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$2,000 in stake money. They will carry 140 lbs except winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs and the winners which will be generalised 6 lbs.

Acrobat (K. Kwok) is due for a belated win and has been training well. It has never been better than it is right now.

Safety First (C. H. Renfrew), Ioba (H. K. Hung) and Ben Loyal (Robert Tsui) are in fine form also and should figure prominently at the finish.

SEVENTH RACE

Sheffield Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Carrie, with K. Kwok up, is the logical choice for this race but Satellite (P. Plumbly) up there or thereabouts at the finish. Butterfly (Chun Kit) is another noted rider and it could cause an upset with a little luck.

Mayflower (Wellington Loh) is good as an outsider.

EIGHTH RACE

Nottingham Stakes: From 2 Miles Post.

This is another race for 1000 ponies which have not won more than \$2,500 in stake money. Each will carry 142 lbs but winners of stake money are given a 5 lb penalty.

Malchi (H. K. Hung) and Packet (Chun Kit) should fight out the issue in this event, I prefer the former.

Efficiente (H. M. Botelho) is dangerous too and a longer shot is Fourways (Wan Shek-ming).

NINTH RACE

Shropshire Handicap (Second Section): From 1½ Miles Post.

This sprint race is for 1000 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$2,000 in stake money. They will carry 140 lbs except winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs and the winners which will be generalised 6 lbs.

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TENTH RACE

Sheffield Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

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Mayflower (Wellington Loh) is good as an outsider.

ELEVENTH RACE

Nottingham Stakes: From 2 Miles Post.

This race is the last race of the first day and will be contested by Class 3 ponies.

House Top (C. Y. Wong) is in fine form and should fight to the last inch for the premier honours.

Balkan Monarch (T. H. Yau) and Golden Nugget (H. M. Botelho) is my selection to win.

Manx Mist (J. M. da Cruz) should be well up at the finish.

TWELFTH RACE

Sheffield Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race is the last race of the first day and will be contested by Class 3 ponies.

House Top (C. Y. Wong) is in fine form and should fight to the last inch for the premier honours.

Balkan Monarch (T. H. Yau) and Golden Nugget (H. M. Botelho) is my selection to win.

Manx Mist (J. M. da Cruz) should be well up at the finish.

THIRTEEN RACE

Sheffield Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

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Sheffield Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

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FIFTEEN RACE

Sheffield Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

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CONTINUING: MASTER-MINDS OF THE RING

When the betting bug bites deep . . .

NOT EVEN THIS BIZARRE GAMBLE COULD
BREAK AN ADDICT'S BAD LUCK

By CLIVE GRAHAM

THE TELEPHONE rang in the single room (with bath) in that big, old-fashioned hotel in Russell-square, part of London's Bloomsbury district. The call came from Glasgow, and the speaker's voice had that half-lilting yet rasping accent which stamped it unmistakably—"Scotch Johnny" Marr.

During that quarter-century era, from 1920 onwards, the forthright "Scotch Johnny" was second only to Charlie Hannam ("Old England") as a professional backer.

The two men, alike in their unimosity towards their opposite numbers in the Ring — both agreed once to order a halfportion of "boiled bookmakers" for breakfast — enjoyed the highest reputation in honourable conduct in all their dealings.

The recipient of this telephone call, in the room which was later to prove his death-cell, could not claim such a blameless career in his activities, which extended beyond the microcosm of the Turf.

Certainty

This was Hughie Howen (a name by which he became known, but not the one under which he was christened), the famous Australian confidence-trickster, who surrendered the morsels of his chicanery by fabulous painting in Tattersalls' Ring.

"Man, I promised you I'll be a winner, did I?" said the voice on the other end of the line. "Well, it's Montague, at Windsor tomorrow, a blind-cup certainty. Help ya self."

Howen, next, telephoned Montague's owner, "Young Percy Thompson, and it was soon evident that he (Gowan) would place the stable commission £8,000 to win, in this race, the Round Tower Handicap on May 30, 1947.

Howen's first bet was £13,000 to win £8,000 with Jack Burns. He wandered up to William Hill and had the same bet twice. He made his way then to various other bookmakers, scribbling the bets in thick, black pencil across his record as they were taken and confirmed.

Unconcerned

He had covered with these marks, the horses at the post, he took himself to the little champagne bar set into the corner of Tattersalls' Ring, ordered a bottle of "bubbly," and a round of smoked salmon sandwiches.

The bell rang. The race was on. Howen still sat there apparently unconcerned, in that little bar underneath the stands, until a runner from Tattersalls came bursting in with the news:

"It's won—Mickey Greening's mount's won—Montague," came from the little old Australian, to all appearances quite unmoved. Minding over his race-card, he asked this bringer-of-the-news to figure out his bet.

Some of them were undecipherable, but he was able formally to claim the odds to £2,500 of £2,000, which he paid the owner on even £8,000.

Too much

At this pace, it was obvious enough that the "old Iron" as he was known in Tattersalls, could not last for ever. Within three years, he had struck the inevitable losing streak which men of the stamp of Hannan and Marr would have combated with greater fortitude. Howen lost control and ended the week at Newmarket and Ascot poorer by £60,000.

Chess match adjourned

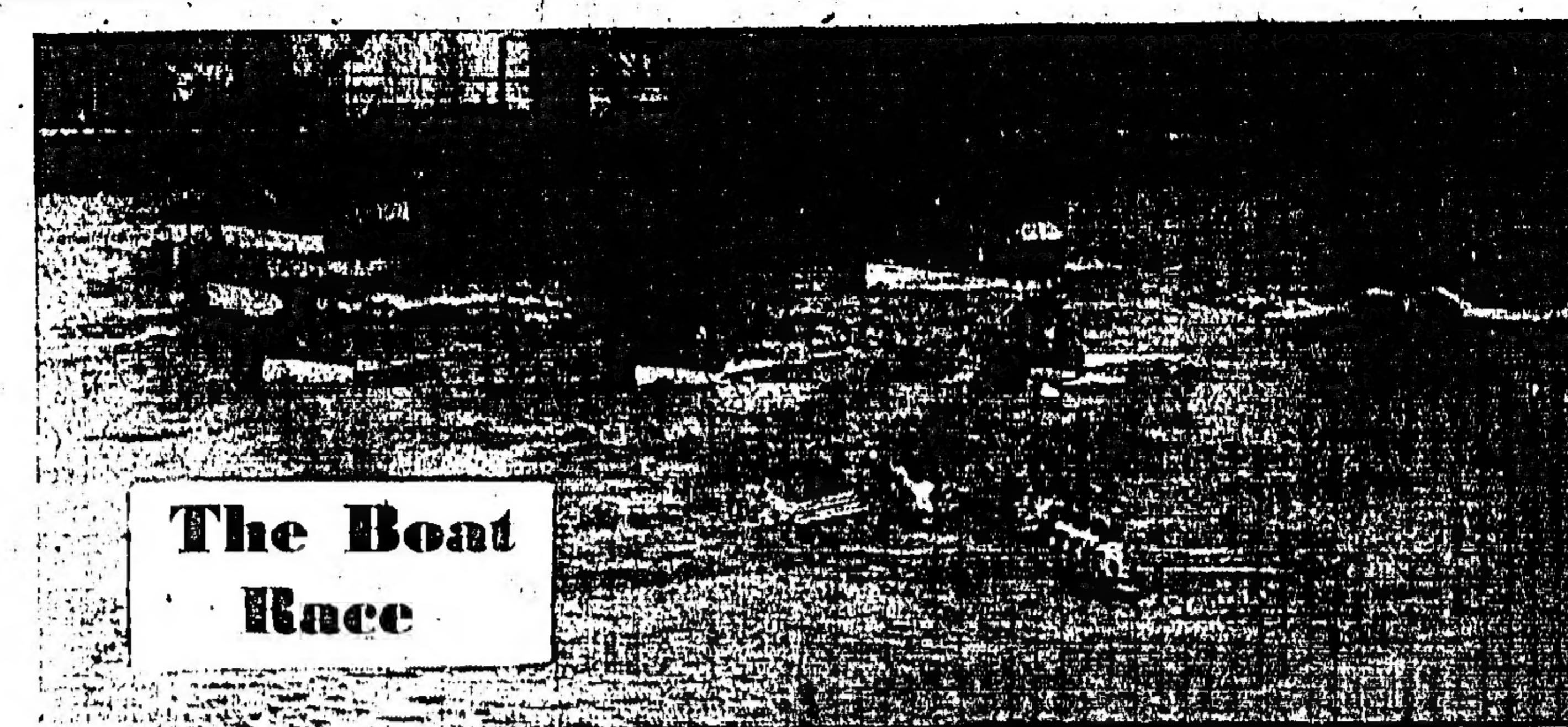
Moscow, Apr. 7. The eleventh game in the world chess series being played here between Soviet grand masters Mikhail Botvinnik, world champion, and Mikhail Tahl, challenger, was adjourned after the 41st move by black (Botvinnik).

The situation was highly involved in the adjournment, position being:

White: King G1 Queen D2 Rook F4 Rook H6 Bishop D3 Pawns A2 B3 D4 F2 and G3.

Black: King G8 Queen D6 Rook F7 Rook G7 Knight F6 Pawns A7 B7 C6 E6 and H7.

The game will be concluded tomorrow. So far Tahl leads 5.5 points to 4.5 in the series—APF.



The Boat Race

Photo of the Varsity Boat Race last Saturday shows here Oxford leading Cambridge by five seconds at Hammersmith Bridge. They kept approximately the same lead almost from start to finish.—The Times photo.

Arnold Palmer leads in Masters Golf Tournament

Augusta, Apr. 7.

Arnold Palmer, a strong and determined young man, fired a 5-under-par 67 over the rain-soaked Augusta national golf course today in a brilliant opening for his second Masters championships.

The 20-year-old Palmer seized the 18-hole lead from Fred Hawkins, whose surprising 69 had temporarily held first place.

The 6,830-yard, par 36-36 Augusta national course in the Georgia Hills still was soft from rains. The big greens were slower than usual and bold pitch shots to the pins would stop dead.

Palmer started with birdies on the first two holes, made an eagle three at the eighth by holing out from a trap, then collected two birdies on the back nine to make up for a bogey at the 11th.

Gary Player, the 25-year-old British Open champion from

South Africa, finished with 55-35-70. Harry Weiman of England has a 70.—AP.

Hockey in Spain

If you did not know that Spaniards play hockey you will be surprised that a Scottish International side under the guise of "The Picts" are to play three matches in Catalonia in April.

Seventeen players will go, and just for the record, when the Catalans played in Edinburgh two years ago they won by a goal to nil.—Bawes Service.

The maximum of 30 players will complete the final 36 holes on

PGA GOLF MAKES HISTORY

Qualifying round curtailed from 72 to 63 holes

Coventry, Apr. 7.

For the first time in the history of British golf, a stroke play championship — the Professional Golfers Association national closed event that started at Finsbury Park here today — has been curtailed from 72 to 63 holes.

With a record field of 162 competitors, the first players went out at 0800 GMT and the last at 1618 GMT and it became obvious that it was going to be race to beat the clock.

But mist, which reduced visibility to 100 yards, delayed the start for 90 minutes and it soon became apparent that the last players would not complete their first round.

Even so, the start was made to speed up the field, but after several hours, with more than half the field still out on the course, it was announced that because of the inclement weather, and the delay, it would be necessary to reduce the 36 holes qualifying round to 27 holes.

As darkness fell the conditions became farcical but some duffers finished their round by moonlight, two players routed the race to the tournament after playing 18 holes.

Twenty-one players did not complete the first round owing to the fading light and will continue from where they left off tomorrow morning.

Leader of the completed returns was 34-year-old Arnold Stickey, the Ealing professional, whose 67 represented a new record for the slightly reconstructed course.—Rutter.

New York soccer tournament

Burnley, Kilmarnock and Glentoran will be the representatives of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in the International Soccer Tournament to be held in New York during May and June.

In their section will be Bayern - München (Germany), New York Americans and Naples (France). In the other section will be Red Star (Yugoslavia), Norrköping (Sweden), Lisbon Sporting Club (Portugal), Rapido (Austria) and Sampdoria (Italy), who will have the former Charlton Athletic player, Eddie Firmani, in their side.—Bawes Service.

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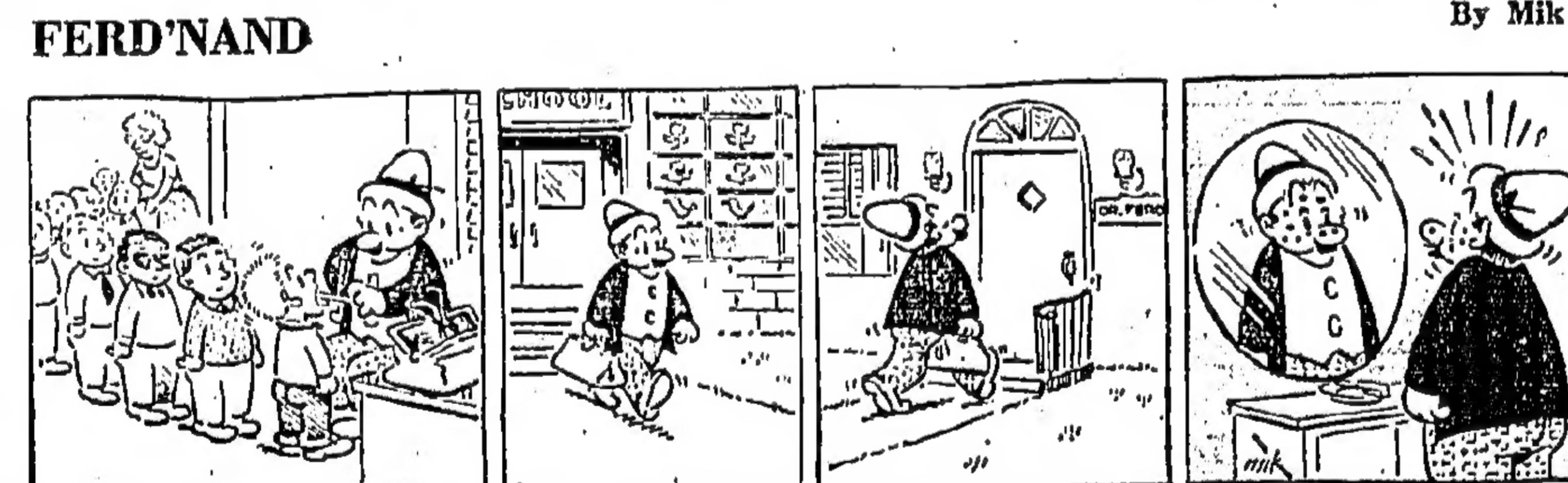
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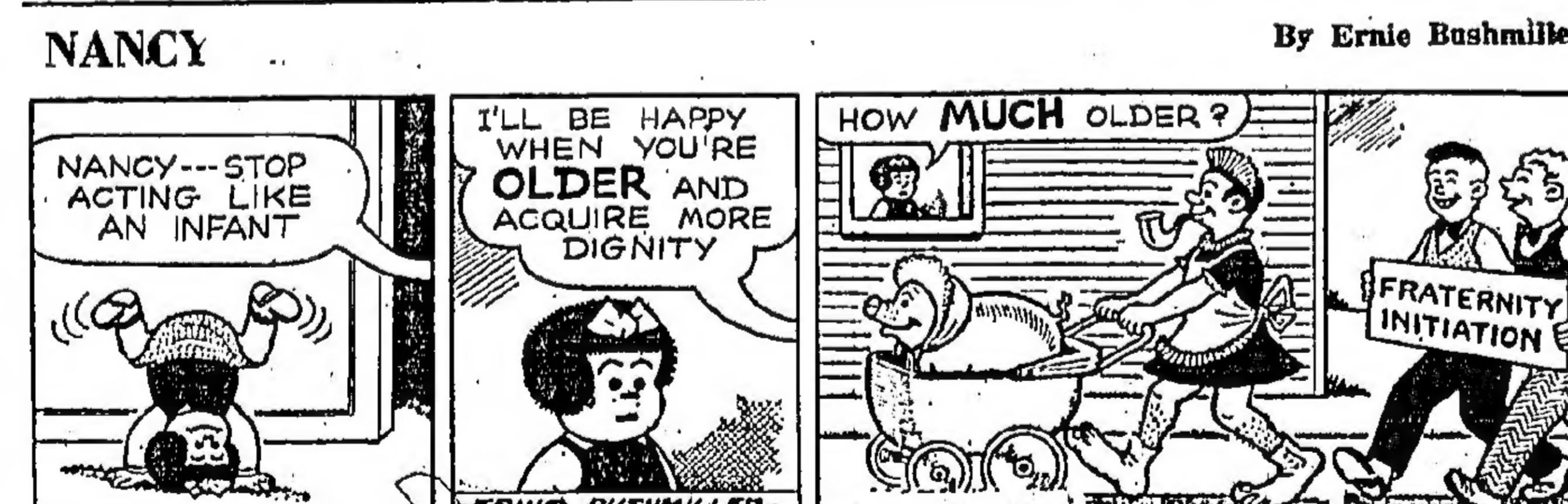
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Rosebery Stakes, Queen's Prize final acceptors

London, Apr. 7. Twenty-three final acceptors with weights for the Rosebery Stakes, to be run over one and a quarter miles, at Kempton Park on Saturday, April 16.

Fair Victor, nine stone; Lucky Guy, 8.13; Welsh Guard, 6.12; Billum, 6.11; Ross Sea, Alimedean, Falls of Shun and Anthillion, 8.9; Red Letter and Kingroy, 8.6; Prince Moon, 8.6; Words of Wisdom, 8.6; Sanctum, 8.4; Rockamour, 8.2; Royal Chief, 8.0; Free Air, Langton Heath and Marshall Pill, 7.12; Marvalla, 7.1; Golden Vizir, Forewarned, Lavender and Coronella, 7.0.

Twenty-two final acceptors with weights for the Queen's prize to be run over two miles, at Kempton Park, on Monday, April 18, are:

Jongleur, nine stone; Owen Glendower, 8.12; Master of Arts, 8.10; Royal Highway, 8.0; Amourrou, 8.5; Munro Park, 8.4; Prime Value, 8.1; Eboraczer, 8.0; Lucky White Heather and Stalker, 7.13; Elysium and Freighter, 7.10; Crystal Bay and Freighter, 7.9; Alz. Well, Blue Mountain, Printemps, Zin-Arrow and Everlast, 7.8; Isajura, 7.6; Yga and Fourth of June, 7.2; China Mail Special.

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BIG TAX APPEAL CASE

NO CASE TO ANSWER SUBMISSION

Submissions that the Crown had failed to prove its case and that his client should be discharged were made by Mr Patrick Yu, the defence counsel, when the trial of a Chai Wan Village elder, facing nine counts of forgery and false pretences, entered its final stage before Judge B. J. Jennings at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Accused is Shing Kwui, 51, who has pleaded not guilty to forging a number of documents and titles of land assignments of lease and memorials relating to several Crown land lots in Chai Wan in 1948 and 1949.

A further indictment alleges he obtained \$2,400 from a Mr Fung Yau-yan by falsely pretending he had acquired a lease of property assigned to Fung in October 1952.

Mr Yu submitted that there was forgery but it was not a criminal forgery and that the accused had never intended to defraud anyone.

He also submitted that the accused was entitled to the land.

Mr Yu is instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. Mr Simon F. E. Li, is appearing for the Crown.

Ferry service tender

The existing licence for the operation of the ferry service between the eastern part of Hongkong Island and the eastern shore of Kowloon Bay will expire shortly and Government is inviting tenders for a new licence in today's Government Gazette.

The licence is for the exclusive right to maintain a ferry service for carrying passengers only between Shaukiwan, Cha Kwo Ling, Ngauzauk, and Sam Ka Tsun. The licence is for a period of three years starting on July 1, 1960.

Reserve of Officers

Major E. L. Gossano, of Hongkong Regiment, has been posted to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers. The Government Gazette notified today.

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Counsel asks for ruling on two phrases in ordinance

An appeal by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co Ltd against tax assessment, involved the whole principle of paying taxes in Hongkong on profits derived from outside sources, Mr D. A. L. Wright submitted in the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

The dock company are appealing against Mr Justice J. R. Gregg's ruling last December that they should pay about \$60,000 in corporation profits tax, as a result of a \$402,813.80 profit made following the salvaging of the m.v. Bintang off the Paracel Islands in 1956.

More drug charges preferred

Additional charges connected with dangerous drugs were preferred against two officers of the ss Prosper and the proprietor of a local plastics factory at Central Court this morning.

The trio, a Thial, a Chinese and a Norwegian face an original charge of dealing in opium without a licence.

Defendants are Bungscheute Prichmatana, 61, Thai, third officer of the ss Prosper; Chan Kwong-shing, 35, Chinese, of Room 8 Tsal Fu Building, Queen's Road West; and Bjorn Hoyer Arevik, 37, Norwegian, chief officer of the ss Prosper.

The case has been transferred to the District Court.

SUPREME COURT

Apart from Criminal Sessions, the offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. except on general holidays during Easter vacation from April 15 to 21, both days inclusive, the Government Gazette notified today.

NOTED CHOIR TO SING IN HK

Government appointments gazetted

The Government Gazette announced today the following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings:

Mr G. T. Howe to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Mr E. S. Haydon to be a Magistrate.

Mr R. Fairbairn to act as Assistant Director of Public Works.

Mr E. H. Rowley to act as Chief Building Surveyor.

Mr Shan-chung, Mr G. L. Lowman, and Mr J. G. Stearn to act as Assistant Chief Building Surveyors.

Mr Kenneth Kwok Wai-kai to be an Engineer.

Mr S. H. Moore to be Assistant Director of Medical and Health Services (Urban Services) and concurrently Assistant Director of Health Services.

Dr G. C. Franklin to act as Assistant Director of Medical and Health Services.

Dr K. H. Black to act as Principal Medical and Health Officer.

Dr Donna Tang to be a Medical Officer.

Mr Chan Cheong-wing to act as Chief Labour Inspector.

Mr W. Seater to be Deputy Secretary Urban Council.

Mr D. L. Park ceased to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr A. St. G. Walton to be District Commissioner, New Territories, and an Assistant Collector of Stamp Revenue.

On the absence of Mr D. R. Holmes, Mr R. Thompson to be District Assistant, South.

Mr Fortune to be District Assistant, Taipo.

Mr A. L. Tokley to be Assistant Chief Preventive Officer.

Mr A. Boyd-Cowan to be Secretary, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department.

Mr T. H. Messenger to act as Controller of Posts.

Mr H. S. Lapaley to be Secretary, Marine Department.

Mr Li Yuen-ting to be a District Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Rates due

Owners and occupiers of tenements are notified in today's Government Gazette that rates for the second quarter of this year are payable on or before April 30.

Demand notes for these rates have now been issued.

Board of Review

Mr D. L. Strellett has been appointed to be Deputy Chairman of the panel of the Inland Revenue Board of Review, the Government Gazette notified today.

Mr A. R. Reid has been appointed to be a member of the Board, the Gazette added.

25,000 carnations for de Gaulle gala ballet

London, Apr. 7. Covent Garden, London's Royal Opera House, was turned into a fragrant bower of pale pink carnations for the gala ballet performance given tonight in honour of President and Madame de Gaulle by command of the Queen.

Twenty-five thousand blooms were used by Mr Cecil Beaton, the world-known designer and photographer, to put the clock back 50 years and conjure up for the climax of the President's visit the glory of the Opera House in the Edwardian era.

Borrowing ideas from a gala given in honour of another French President, M. Emile Loubet, in 1902, Mr Beaton decorated the three tiers of the marie and gold auditorium with festoons of carnations which glowed softly under the rows of pink shaded brackets.

ROYAL CROWN

Above the box, in which the Queen sat with President de Gaulle and the Queen Mother on her right, and the Duke of Edinburgh and Madame de Gaulle on her left, was an embossed Royal Crown encircled by carnations. Below, the flags of France and Britain were framed with more flowers.

There were also bouquets of carnations, in the entrance hall — from which rises the grand staircase — which was lined tonight by Yeomen of the Guard. Reuter.

Two pellets fired at cameraman

London, Apr. 7. Eight minutes before President De Gaulle arrived at the Lycee des Ecoles school in London, a press photographer was hit in the stomach by two air-gun pellets.

The photographer, employed by a British national newspaper, was approaching the main entrance to the Lycee behind the crowd lining the street when he felt a blow.

He put his hand to the spot and found an air-gun pellet in his hand. A second pellet hit him a moment afterwards.

The shots appeared to come from the Victoria and Albert Museum across the road from the Lycee entrance where staff of the school were waiting to greet the President.

The photographer gave the police to the police. — Reuter.

March weather records

Hongkong's unpredictable weather pattern continued in March — it was the warmest March on record. This was revealed in a statement by the Royal Observatory this morning.

The monthly average temperature was almost seven degrees higher than normal and two degrees higher than the record established in 1902.

The average maximum and minimum temperature were also records. So was the average dew point.

The absolute maximum temperature of 85.5 degrees was also a record beating the 1950 figure.

It will be recalled that February was the driest February since 1911. It was the sunniest and least cloudy since 1954 and the warmest since 1916.

The average maximum was also a record in that month; the absolute maximum was the second highest.

Biggest-ever air tour group off to Japan

Thirty-eight Hongkong holidaymakers left Kai Tak today for Boao Britannia for a "Cherry Blossom Tour" of Japan organised by the Ming Tak Bank Travel Department.

It was the biggest-ever group to go on such a tour from the Colony and the tourists, mainly leading businessmen, will visit Tokyo, Yokohama, Naha, Okinawa, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka during their 12-day stay.

Leading the tour group is Mr C. H. Ho, Manager of the Ming Tak Bank Travel Department.

Mr Fortune to be District Assistant, Taipo.

Mr A. L. Tokley to be Assistant Chief Preventive Officer.

Mr A. Boyd-Cowan to be Secretary, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department.

Mr T. H. Messenger to act as Controller of Posts.

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Diamond withdrawn from auction

London, Apr. 7. A 21.6 carat diamond which had been expected to break the world record price was withdrawn from sale at a London auction when bidding stopped at £42,000.

The record of £50,000 from a single diamond was paid in the same saleroom last year for a 23.7 carat stone belonging to Mrs Michael Wilding, wife of the film star. — China Mail Special.

Leg. Council

Mr G. M. Goldstick has been appointed to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of Col. D. C. Clegg, the Government Gazette notified today.

Mr C. A. R. Wilson has been appointed to be a Deputy Clerk of Councils, the Gazette added.

RETURNING OFFICER

Mr A. Si G. Walton has been appointed to be a Returning Officer for Heung Yee Kuk, the Government Gazette notified today.

Auditors

The names of Mr Chen Kang and Mr Li Kwee-hung have been added to the authorised list of auditors, the Government Gazette notified today.

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Wages up hours down

London, Apr. 7. Vauxhall Motors today announced an hour reduction and wage increase for workers at their Luton and Dunstable factories.

Factory workers will receive a reduction in the working week from 42 and a half hours to 41 and a quarter hours.

Skilled and semi-skilled workers will get wage increase of threepence an hour and unskilled workers an increase of twopence an hour.

The changes will cost the firm, which employs 28,000, about £700,000 a year. — Reuter.

From the Files

25 years ago

THE full programme of celebrations in Hongkong in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee was announced last night in a memorandum by the Secretary of State.

Monday, May 8, the 25th anniversary of the Ascension of His Majesty the King will be observed as a bank holiday.

The programme includes church services, public meetings attended by leading members of the Colony at which loyal addresses will be given, a garden party at Government House, a Chinese procession in town, a special lighting arrangement for the Colony, fireworks displays, searchlight and rocket displays, night-flying displays by the Air Force, Happy Valley to which the entire Colony is invited, a Chinese lantern procession and boy scout and girl guide displays.

According to three of London's leading newspapers, Herr Hitler told Sir John Simon that Germany already had an Air Force comparable in strength to the Royal Air Force, a navy equal to that of France and the effect of conscription would be to give Germany a standing army of half a million men.

Despite the fact that no official statement will be made until Mr Eden's return from Berlin, it is evident that the difference of opinion between Sir John Simon and Herr Hitler were on fundamental principles.

Meanwhile in Moscow, Mr Eden is cementing Anglo-Soviet relations. At a banquet in his honour, Mr Litvinoff proposed a toast to His Majesty George — the first time a toast has been offered to a ruling monarch by a Soviet statesman in Russia since the revolution.

Bomb outrages in Uganda

Kampala, Apr. 7. Two Asian women praying in a Mosque at Nahan-sanke, 50 miles from Kampala, Uganda, were injured last night by a gasoline bomb explosion.

Police reported the bomb had been thrown by anti-Asian groups who were also responsible for other disturbances in Uganda during the night.

Bomb outrages occurred in Asian shops in Kampala earlier this week. — AP.

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